

DEFEND THE ETHNIC STUDIES PROGRAM !!



VICE CHANCELLOR ASHTON SAYS DISPERSE ETHNIC STUDIES

STUDENTS AT UH! Now is the time for us to take up the struggle to defend the Ethnic Studies Program in an active way! Ashton is recommending that Ethnic Studies be split up and dispersed into various departments. In essence he is saying abolish the Program

This is an attempt by the UH Administration to take back the foothold in this University that students, working people, and ethnic minorities fought for in 1972 and have struggled to maintain ever since.

This decision, made without discussions with students, faculty and community supporters of the ES Program, is aimed at keeping the decision on the future of the Program totally in the hands of the Administration.

WE MUST TAKE THE INITIATIVE!

Realistically looking at the University structure, there is no decision making body existing here which can represent the ES Program and the students and community people which are its backbone. We cannot recognize the Administration as the legitimate decision making body for the ES Program because it does not involve students, faculty, and community people in any significant way in its workings.

The People's Committee To Defend Ethnic Studies has been formed to represent the interests of concerned students, faculty, and community people who want to make the Ethnic Studies Program permanent.

Unless we take the initiative from the Administration in determining when the decision on the Ethnic Studies Program will be made and what will be decided, we cannot expect the Administration to decide in our interests. We already have Ashton's report as an indication.

The march to Bachman Hall and the demands we will put forward are aimed at setting up the machinery and the process for discussing the future of the ES Program with the aim of securing permanency for the Ethnic Studies Program and maintaining its orientation. The Administration, by refusing to attend the Oct. 20 public hearing and by refusing to meet with members of the faculty who have attempted to talk with the Chancellor, have left us with no other alternative but to MAKE OURSELVES HEARD!!!

COME TO THE NOVEMBER 19 RALLY !!!
MARCH WITH US TO BACHMAN HALL !!!

Friday
Rally **Nov. 19th 1976** **March**
12:30 pm
Campus Center Courtyard

WHAT'S REALLY BEHIND THE ASHTON REPORT

In 1970 the UH Administration created a Mock Ethnic Studies Program to be headed by Dr. Dennis Ogawa.



In 1972 students, faculty, and community people sat in at Bachman Hall to force a reluctant UH Administration to

establish a real people-oriented Program. Dr. Ogawa was forced to resign.

Immediately after birth, the Administration crippled our Program by only granting it provisional status.

Now in 1976 the Administration supports plans to destroy us with claims of "lack of rigorous academic supervision" in our work.

Why does the Administration want to integrate us into oblivion? Because we arose out of political struggle and have maintained a philosophy and style of work that steps on the toes of our administrators and their friends in big business.

COMPARE OUR CONTRASTING EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY AND METHODOLOGY

1. They believe education is an academic process confined to the campus. We believe education is a learning process, where knowledge is acquired through testing our ideas by practical application. Our students have been and are encouraged to become active in the real world struggles of oppressed workers and ethnic minorities.

2. They favor "the most usual methodology which presents all points of view." We are in favor of the methodology of struggling out points of view to derive which is the most correct.

OUR SOUND AND PRACTICAL APPROACH TO EDUCATION IS DESIRED NOT ONLY BY STUDENTS BUT BY FACULTY AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO HAVE UNITED WITH US IN OUR FIGHT FOR PERMANENCY.



WHAT WE WANT!!!

- * PERMANENCY FOR THE ETHNIC STUDIES PROGRAM!
- * CONTINUE THE TEACHING OF HISTORY FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF WORKING AND ETHNIC PEOPLES!

WE CALL ON THE UH ADMINISTRATION TO:

1. Accept the testimonies of the Oct. 20 Public Hearing:

Over 35 community, faculty, student and labor individuals and organizations representing thousands of people testified in support of making the Ethnic Studies Program permanent. Vice Chancellor Ashton's report was made in isolation from the people most concerned and affected by the Program.

If President Matsuda accepts Ashton's report but refuses our testimony he denies us input in our university education.

2. Recognize the People's Committee To Defend Ethnic Studies as the legitimate body representing concerned students, community and faculty with which to discuss the future of the ES Program!

If President Matsuda recognizes Ashton's report but refuses to recognize the People's Committee to Defend Ethnic Studies he, too, would attack the tremendous contributions of community, faculty, and students to the Ethnic Studies Program in particular, and the UH in general.

3. Agree to a definite date with the People's Committee to Defend Ethnic Studies to discuss the future of the Ethnic Studies Program!

The charges and objectives raised to Vice Chancellor Ashton's report are fundamental and serious. The Chancellor's office has made no attempt to discuss the problems they see and how to rectify them. They have only attacked without offering any alternatives by recommending what is in essence abolishment.

If President Matsuda refuses to answer these charges and objections and endorses Ashton's position, he would endorse unfair, dishonest, and arbitrary decision making in the University and deny public input.

4. Agree that no decision will be made during Interim!

A decision by the UH Administration during Interim when the supporters of the ES Program are not on campus would be dishonest.

Leaflet by the People's Committee to Defend Ethnic Studies